SpiderFoot

Browser-based OSINT tools for fast, privacy-conscious reconnaissance

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$ ./spiderfoot --scan
> SpiderFoot: Powerful OSINT Tools, Directly in Your Browser
> Skip the complex GitHub deployments and Python environments. Run comprehensive open-source intelligence (OSINT) scans, trace digital footprints, and uncover attack surfaces instantly. No installation required.
spiderfoot@osint:~/username$
$ Username
$ Email
$ Enter username to investigate
[EXECUTE SCAN]

About

SpiderFoot is an OSINT tool that runs directly in your browser for instant threat reconnaissance. It lets you skip GitHub setup and local Python environments, then launch open-source intelligence scans from a lightweight web interface. The app is aimed at fast, privacy-conscious research, with support for usernames, emails, and broader digital footprint discovery.

What is SpiderFoot

SpiderFoot is a browser-based OSINT tool that brings reconnaissance workflows into a simple web app. Instead of asking you to install the project locally, it lets you run SpiderFoot scans online and start investigating quickly.

The app focuses on open-source intelligence use cases such as tracing digital footprints, checking public attack surfaces, and combining multiple data sources in one workflow. The source material also points to a companion SpiderFoot GitHub version, but this hosted version is positioned as the easier way to use the SpiderFoot tool without deployment work.

In practice, SpiderFoot is best understood as a lightweight OSINT tool for fast lookups and structured discovery. It is built for users who want the SpiderFoot experience in the browser rather than as a self-managed install.

Key features

SpiderFoot centers on practical OSINT features that help users move from a single input to a broader intelligence picture.

- **Browser-only access:** run the OSINT tool directly in the browser with no installation required.
- **Instant scans:** start reconnaissance quickly instead of managing GitHub setup or Python environments.
- **Username and email inputs:** the interface shows fields for username and email queries.
- **Multi-source querying:** search social networks, public databases, and web archives at the same time.
- **Combined workflows:** the app mentions support for SpiderFoot, WhatsMyName, Sherlock, Maigret, and other OSINT workflows in one place.
- **AI-assisted output:** results can be expanded with AI search and AI-generated summaries.
- **Privacy-conscious workflow:** the site describes the hosted SpiderFoot tool as free and designed for privacy-conscious OSINT work.
- **Cross-device interface:** the interface is optimized for desktop, tablet, and mobile use.

These features make SpiderFoot more than a simple lookup form. It is a SpiderFoot OSINT tool that tries to streamline the path from an input string to scan results, failure states, or no-result output.

How to use it

Using SpiderFoot in the browser is straightforward, and the interface shown on the site suggests a short workflow.

1. Open the SpiderFoot web app.
2. Enter an exact username without the @ symbol, or enter an email address.
3. Try variations if needed, such as username123, user.name, or user_name.
4. Run the scan and wait while the app checks multiple datasources.
5. Review the result state, which may show scan results, scan failed, or no results.
6. If the first pass is weak, adjust query parameters or switch modules.

The site also suggests that the app can combine several OSINT workflows in one place and then enrich the results with AI search and summaries. That makes SpiderFoot useful when a single query needs broader context rather than a single-source answer.

Who it is for

SpiderFoot is a good fit for people who need an OSINT tool that is quick to access and easy to test.

- **Security professionals** who want rapid reconnaissance without local setup.
- **OSINT practitioners** who need to trace digital footprints across multiple sources.
- **Researchers** who want a browser-based SpiderFoot workflow for usernames and emails.
- **Privacy-conscious users** who prefer a lightweight online tool instead of a heavy install.
- **Teams working across devices** that need an interface that still works on desktop, tablet, and mobile.

The app is especially useful when you want to explore public traces first and only move into a deeper workflow if the initial SpiderFoot scan returns promising leads. It also suits users who already know tools like Sherlock, Maigret, or WhatsMyName and want those workflows grouped together.

SpiderFoot is useful, but it is not a magic answer engine. The tool depends on available public data and datasource coverage, so scan quality can vary by query and module.

- Results may take several moments to complete.
- Some queries can fail or return no results.
- You may need to adjust parameters or try alternate usernames.
- The app is focused on OSINT and reconnaissance, not on private account access or hidden data extraction.
- AI summaries can help interpret findings, but they should not replace source verification.
- For official records, account ownership confirmation, or sensitive decisions, use the original platform or authoritative source instead of relying on the SpiderFoot scan alone.

The hosted version is also presented as an alternative to the SpiderFoot GitHub setup, so it is best suited to users who want convenience over self-hosted control. If you need a fully managed local deployment, upstream SpiderFoot documentation and the GitHub project remain the better reference. For quick browser-based OSINT, though, SpiderFoot offers a focused and accessible way to start a SpiderFoot scan and move from a single identifier to a wider reconnaissance picture.

FAQ

What is SpiderFoot?

Is SpiderFoot free to use?

Do I need to install SpiderFoot locally?

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What can I search with SpiderFoot?

What data sources does SpiderFoot cover?

Who should use SpiderFoot?

Who is SpiderFoot for?

When should I use an official source instead of SpiderFoot?

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